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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLN. OF: SAKUMA et al.
SERIAL NO.: 10/074,961
FILED: February 13, 2002
FOR: CIRCULAR-SHAPED METAL STRUCTURE, METHOD ...
GROUP: 2852
EXAMINER: ROBERT B. BEATTY DOCKET: AMANO A275 DIV

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT B UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed December 5, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 4, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 16 and 18, to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A circular-shaped hollow metal structure fabricated by spinning working and having a thickness equal to or smaller than 0.09 mm, wherein a reduction rate of a thickness of said circular-shaped hollow metal structure after spinning worked to a thickness of said circular-shaped hollow metal structure before spinning worked is equal to or greater than 40%, said circular-shaped metal structure having a Vickers hardness Hv equal to or greater than 380 after plastic-worked.

16. (Twice Amended) A photosensitive drum to be used in an electrophotographic printer, said photosensitive drum being comprised of a circular-shaped hollow metal structure fabricated by spinning working and having a thickness equal to or smaller than 0.09 mm,

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